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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application, filed on even date herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 3, 5, 7-12, 14-17, 20, 22, 24, and 25 as follows:

3. (Amended) Sensor layer according to Claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the sensors are prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells, subcellular particles, enzyme systems, antibodies, fluorescent sensors or indicator dyes.

5. (Amended) Sensor layer according to [any of] Claim[s] 1 [to 4], characterized in that the sensor layer contains additions which control or assist the detection process.